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POLICY TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to promote the agricultural exports, the Government are preparing a new policy, which proposes providing farmers the latest bio-technology and extensive market intelligence, greater support under the WTO-compatible green and amber boxes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy envisages close cooperation between the departments of Commerce, Agriculture and Bio-technology;

(d) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which this policy is likely to be finalised and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (f) : It is Government`s constant endeavour to boost exports of Indian agricultural products through all possible means, including through transfer of available technology, information and inputs to the farmers. Research and development activity to enhance productivity and reduce costs in the agricultural sector is an important aspect of this export promotion effort. In this context, there is close coordination between various Departments and Ministries, including between the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture and Biotechnology.